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College of Technology and Computer Science Offers Recipe for Student Success

GREENVILLE, N.C. (September 14, 2010) – Lee Toderick, faculty, in the Information and Computer Technology program for the College of Technology and Computer Science will receive international recognition from the EMC Academic Alliance program for his outstanding work-preparing students for a global and diverse workforce. In addition to teaching storage technology, Toderick successfully prepares students for careers in the global information technology industry by focusing on three critical areas – global collaboration, leadership, and industry certification.

During the Spring 2011 semester, Toderick plans to partner with EMC Academic Alliance member universities worldwide to teach the Information Storage and Management (ISM) course. Students will work with their international teammates to complete projects, and will gain valuable experience working in remote teams across cultures and time zones. “We strive to create an experience where students learn alongside peers from diverse cultures,” Toderick explains of the global collaboration program where students work in globally diverse teams.

In addition to providing a global perspective of the workplace, Toderick encourages students to gain leadership experience. This semester, he has nominated Lance Cleghorn, a former ISM student, to participate in the EMC Student Ambassador pilot to help the
department promote the ISM course through an awareness campaign about the value of information infrastructure education and certification. Cleghorn will gain valuable resume-building experience including project management and presentation skills. Toderick also supports students pursuing industry certifications. Last semester, several students earned the EMC Information Storage Associate (EMCISA) certification. When asked how he recommends students prepare for certification, Toderick replied, “Read the ISM book.” He cites this as an extremely valuable resource.

Through these initiatives, Toderick demonstrates his commitment to encouraging young job candidates to combine their degree, global leadership skills, and technical certifications to develop a powerful competitive edge.

“Our faculty is really committed to the success of our students,” says David White, Dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science. “We are proud of Lee and all of our faculty in helping to shaping the lives of our future leaders.”

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